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6 July 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, PLANS DIVISION

SUBJECT: Comments on OPC Strategic Plan

1. This plan is considered to be an excellent first draft and an adequate statement of the overall OPC cold war mission. The Far East mission as set forth is adequate as a point of departure for the formulation of the implementing area and country plans. Being understandably parochial, we do feel that the scope and magnitude of FE Division current and projected commitments are not properly emphasized. But rather than attempt to recommend any rewrite thereof in the overall plan we will concentrate on securing adequate recognition thereof in the establishment of the priorities per Section VI D. ✓

2. The following specific comments and recommendations are submitted for your consideration:

✓ a. Page 2, Section II, paragraph B, 4

We recommend the inclusion of Formosa in this USSR target. ✓

b. Page 3, Section II, paragraph B, 15

In our opinion, a similar statement can and should be made about Burma and Indochina. ✓

c. Page 6, Section III, paragraph A, 2, "20," "a" and "d" ✓

✓ We believe the word "emergency" in "a" should be changed to "emergence" and the word "reorganize" in line two of "d" should be changed to "recognize."

d. Page 7, Section III, paragraph B (National Strategic Concepts)

✓ It is recommended that a strategic concept regarding the Far East be specifically included as follows: "The U.S. will maintain strategic control of the Asiatic off-shore island chain" [redacted] ✓

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- e. Page 7, Section III, paragraph B, 5

It is suggested that "political" pressures be added to economic and psychological.

- f. Page 8, Section IV, paragraph B, 2

It is recommended that the following sentence be added: "In the Far East this capability will be exercised to the maximum degree possible at the earliest opportunity."

- g. Page 8, Section IV, paragraph C

We can see little value in including a statement of Strategic Principles of Covert Operations in an OPC plan for the use of OPC personnel.

- h. Page 10, Section IV, paragraph D, 4

It is recommended that this sentence be changed to read: "Collaboration in mutually beneficial activities will continue with friendly foreign services, either bilaterally or through a regional clandestine organizational element."

- i. Page 11, Section IV, paragraph D, 6

It is recommended that this sentence be clarified by changing it to read: "The time lag involved in the preparation and mounting of covert operations will be recognized by those requesting or directing their instigation and by those authorized to instigate them."

- j. Page 11, Section V, paragraph A, 2, a.

It is recommended that the word "overall" be inserted in line two between the words "of" and "covert."

- k. Page 12, Section V, paragraph C.

We concur with the stated phasing of operations.

- l. Page 12, Section V, paragraph C, 1, a

Since the sub-heading calls for "critical countries," it is suggested that the countries comprising Southeast Asia be listed, i.e.

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m. Pages 13-14, Section VI, paragraph A, 3

It is recommended that the sentence now ending with the words "and southern approaches to the USSR" be amended to read "southern approaches to the U.S.S.R. and the southwest approaches to China." That the last sentence be amended to read, "Operations against the U.S.S.R. and China will be coordinated with EE and FE Divisions where applicable." ✓

n. Page 14, Section VI, paragraph A, 4

It is recommended that the last sentence be revised to read: "Operations against the U.S.S.R. will be coordinated with the EE Division and, if applicable, with the NE Division." ✓

o. Page 18, Section VI, paragraph B, 4, e.

It is suggested that the word "Western" be deleted from line three. ✓

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p. Page 18, Section VI, paragraph B, 4, i

It is recommended that [] be included in this list of areas to be secured. ✓

q. Page 20, Section VI, paragraph C, 1, b

It is suggested that the phrase "at least one facility" be deleted and the words "facilities and assets" substituted therefor. ✕

r. Page 20, Section VI, paragraph C, 1, d, (1)

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It is recommended that the listings for [] revised as follows: [] (FE), and "Alaska (SP and FE)". It is also recommended that the Central Pacific be added to the list. ✓

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s. Page 21, Section VI, paragraph C 2

This paragraph should be expanded to take cognizance of the preparatory activities, in countries likely to be overrun, to select and train resistance cadres, lay down communications therefor and cache limited amounts of material. Such preparatory activities would embrace Southeast Asia countries in FE Division as well as the bulk of the area in the WE and NE Divisions.

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t. Page 24, Section VII, paragraph B, 1

The reference in this section should be "Section VI D 1" and not section VI, B, 1. ✓

u. Annex A, page 8

It is requested that paragraphs 9 through 11 of Annex A be changed in accordance with CFE memorandum to CPL dated 4 June 51, subject: "Comments on Draft Policy Section for OPC Strategic Plan." The remainder of the policy statement is considered most adequate. ✕

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